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H. R. 2247

To amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to repeal the 10-year limit on use of Montgomery GI Bill educational assistance benefits, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2007

Mr. LARSEN of Washington introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Montgomery GI Bill
5 for Life Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPEAL OF 10-YEAR LIMIT ON USE OF VETERANS**
 2 **EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE BENEFITS.**

3 (a) RESTATEMENT OF CERTAIN CONTINUING AU-
 4 THORITIES WITH REPEAL.—Section 3031 of title 38,
 5 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

6 **“§ 3031. Extension of period of entitlement otherwise**
 7 **expiring during term, quarter, or semes-**
 8 **ter or after completion of major portion**
 9 **of course**

10 “(a) COURSES OFFERED ON TERM, QUARTER, OR
 11 SEMESTER BASIS.—If an individual eligible for edu-
 12 cational assistance under this chapter is enrolled in a pro-
 13 gram of education offered on a term, quarter, or semester
 14 basis at an educational institution regularly operated on
 15 a term, quarter or semester system and the period of such
 16 individual’s entitlement under this chapter would, under
 17 section 3013 of this title, expire during a term, quarter,
 18 or semester of that institution, such period shall expire
 19 on the last day of that term, quarter, or semester.

20 “(b) COURSES NOT OFFERED ON TERM, QUARTER,
 21 OR SEMESTER BASIS.—If an individual eligible for edu-
 22 cational assistance under this chapter is enrolled in a pro-
 23 gram of education not offered on a term, quarter, or se-
 24 mester basis and the period of such individual’s entitle-
 25 ment under this chapter would, under section 3013 of this
 26 title, expire after a major portion of the course is com-

1 pleted, such period shall expire on the later of the fol-
 2 lowing dates:

3 “(1) The date of the last day of the course.

4 “(2) The date that is 12 weeks after the date
 5 on which the period would otherwise expire under
 6 section 3013 of this title.”.

7 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Chapter 30 of
 8 such title is further amended as follows:

9 (1) In section 3018C(e)(3)(B)—

10 (A) in clause (i), by striking “(i)”; and

11 (B) by striking clause (ii).

12 (2) In section 3020—

13 (A) in subsection (f)(1), by striking “Sub-
 14 ject to the time limitation for use of entitlement
 15 under section 3031 of this title, an individual”
 16 and inserting “An individual”; and

17 (B) in subsection (h)(5), by striking “Not-
 18 withstanding section 3031 of this title, a child”
 19 and inserting “A child”.

20 (c) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

21 (1) HEADING AMENDMENT.—The heading of
 22 subchapter IV of chapter 30 of such title is amended
 23 to read as follows:

1 “SUBCHAPTER IV—GENERAL AND
2 ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS”.

3 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—The table of sec-
4 tions at the beginning of chapter 30 of such title is
5 amended by striking the item relating to subchapter
6 IV and the item relating to section 3031 and insert-
7 ing the following new items:

“SUBCHAPTER IV—GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

“3031. Extension of period of entitlement otherwise expiring during term, quar-
ter, or semester or after completion of major portion of
course.”.

8 **SEC. 3. REPEAL OF 14-YEAR LIMIT ON USE OF SELECTED**
9 **RESERVE EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE BENE-**
10 **FITS.**

11 (a) REPEAL.—Title 10, United States Code, is
12 amended by striking section 16133.

13 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
14 at the beginning of chapter 1606 of such title is amended
15 by striking the item relating to section 16133.

16 **SEC. 4. REPEAL OF TIME LIMITATION ON USE BY DISABLED**
17 **MEMBERS OF EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE**
18 **FOR RESERVE COMPONENT MEMBERS SUP-**
19 **PORTING CONTINGENCY AND OTHER OPER-**
20 **ATIONS.**

21 Subsection (b) of section 16164 of title 10, United
22 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

1 “(b) ENTITLEMENT OF DISABLED MEMBERS.—(1)

2 The maximum number of months of educational assist-
3 ance under this chapter to which is entitled a person who
4 is separated from the Ready Reserve because of a dis-
5 ability which was not the result of the person’s own wilful
6 misconduct incurred on or after the date on which the per-
7 son became entitled to educational assistance under this
8 chapter shall be governed by section 16162(d) of this title.

9 “(2) The provisions of section 3031 of title 38 shall
10 apply to the entitlement to educational assistance under
11 this chapter of a person covered by paragraph (1).”.

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